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Montana Geographic Information Systems Conference

The NRIS program at the State Library has announced there will be a Montana GIS Conference on December 6-7 at the Billings Sheraton.

In the past few years, several Montana agencies and businesses have started developing geographic information systems (GIS) to support natural resource management activities such as pollution mitigation, land use decisions, and environmental assessments. There is a growing interest in using this new computer mapping and analysis tool for other activities, including regional planning, facility siting, and legislative reapportionment, to name just a few.

The purpose of the upcoming Montana GIS Conference is to bring current and prospective users together for a day and a half of discussions and presentations on GIS. The conference will feature approximately 20 speakers, a dozen commercial exhibits, and several informational posters, plus ample opportunities to speak with and learn from those currently involved with GIS.

The conference costs $40, which covers conference materials, two lunches, coffee at breaks, and two free drinks during the informal poster session on Wednesday night. GeoResearch, Inc. of Billings is the host for this year's conference. For more information, or to receive registration materials, call (406) 248-6771 in Billings, or call the NRIS program at the State Library (406) 444-5354.

State Librarian Richard Miller presented Harold Chambers, Collections Management Librarian, a State 20 Years of Service Award pin.

Center for the Book

The Montana State Library Commission has approved the organization of a committee to bring about a Center for the Book in Montana. The first meeting of this committee will be in Helena, Tuesday, December 12, 1:30 p.m., at the Lewis & Clark Library. Debbie Schlesinger, Helena, has been named chairperson of the committee.

The Center of the Book is a Library of Congress project which has as its purpose the promotion of reading, the study of the history of books, and the study of the role of books and reading in today's society. The Center serves as a catalyst and source of ideas for organizations and individuals that share its goals. A primary assumption behind the establishment of the Center is "that there is a community of the book in the United States; a community of individuals for whom the printed word especially as expressed in books is of prime importance."

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Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement

Sept. 30 was the end of the first quarter for the new Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement program funded as a result of the passage of HB193. Fifty-two libraries submitted a total of 7,610 transactions for reimbursement, at $5.50 per transaction, for a grand total of $41,855 to be paid to Montana libraries for sharing their resources with other Montana libraries. The total amount available in FY '90 for ILL reimbursement is $200,000.

The first quarter under this new program indicated a need for the following reminders to ILL borrowers throughout Montana and the region from ILL lenders.

1. Use a standard form for requests - MONCAT or ALA - or other appropriate pressure-sensitive multiple-part computer request forms. Requests on inappropriate or incomplete forms will not be handled at all at most lending libraries.
2. Be sure to include the complete mailing address of your library on the request form, as well as the mailing label.
3. Make sure the bibliographic citation is correct. There have been cases of requests submitted with subject headings as titles. The items have been found, but valuable time has been spent searching and verifying that the right item is being sent.
4. Be sure to mark the routing sequence. If this is not done, the lending library will send it back to the requesting library rather than to a next location if they are unable to fill the request
5. Include a "needed by" date if material(s) is/are not usable after a specific date.
6. Make sure to include the verification and/or source of the citation, if available. The first time a request is handled is the best time to provide complete information.

Libraries requesting reimbursement are also reminded of the following requirements in order for a reimbursement request to be processed:

1. The cover form must be submitted with the statistics.
2. The cover form must be signed.
3. To be eligible for reimbursement, the forms must be received at the State Library no later than 10 working days after the end of the reporting period.

Questions about reimbursement should be addressed to Mary Jane West at the State Library, 444-3384. Darlene Staffeldt, Director of Information Resources, 444-5381, will respond to questions about ILL procedures, forms, etc.

1990 MLA Conference

The Montana Library Association membership brochure, which was an insert in the October issue of ***State Library News***, had an incorrect date for the 1990 MLA Conference. The correct dates are April 22-25, 1990, in Great Falls.

Montana Collection Management Hall of Fame

The Montana State Library Commission, acting upon the recommendation of the statewide Collection Management Committee,* will be establishing a Montana Collection Management Hall of Fame. The names of libraries having complete collection management policies on file at the State Library will be published in the January issue of the ***State Library News*** and will receive a Certificate of Achievement as well.

The Collection Management Committee and State Library Commission feel it is important to recognize the amount of work required to write a collection management policy and then implement it as a basic management tool for the library. The committee also reminds libraries of the State Library Commission's requirement that eligibility for receiving any grant from the Commission is tied to having on file at the State Library a Collection Management Policy which has been approved by the library's governing body.

Libraries having questions about collection management policies can contact Sheila Cates at the State Library, 444-5352.

* The Collection Management Committee was formerly the Collection Development Committee. The Commission approved the name change at the Committee's request. The Committee felt the change was appropriate to reflect the current trend.

Groundwater Quality Task Force

Jim Stimson, Montana State Library's Water Information Specialist, is serving on the Environmental Quality Council's newly formed Groundwater Quality Task Force. The primary goals of the task force are to assess groundwater information deficiencies, to determine how government agencies work together on groundwater quality problems, and investigate strategies for preventing groundwater contamination. The first meeting was held on October 2, 1989, and members discussed the following topics:

- common difficulties experienced in trying to match available groundwater data to regulatory and management decisions;
- agency and public needs for groundwater information;
- the level of detail of data needed to properly protect groundwater quality;
- what should be included in a long-term, systematic, statewide groundwater data collection plan, and,
- other issues that may affect either the development or implementation of a data collection plan.

The next task force meeting will be December 1, 1989 at 1:00 p.m. in the Capitol building (Room 104).

Fort Benton Commission Meeting

Meeting Oct. 25 at the Chouteau County Library, Fort Benton, the Montana State Library Commission heard reports from: the Federation Coordinators; participants in the LSCA-funded Reference Institute; Barbara Ridgway, Director of the Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, regarding the National Library Service's Federal Review Report of the BPH Library, and the Adult Literacy Council.

The Commission adopted the "Pine Butte Statement" and requested staff of the State Library to prepare a summary statement of accomplishments under the previous Statements, "Black Tail" and "Bear Creek." The summary will be presented to the Commission at the December meeting. The final version of the "Pine Butte Statement," as approved by the Commission, will be distributed to all libraries.

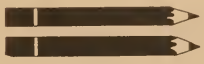
The Commission also gave final approval to the Administrative Rule for Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement. The Rule as adopted by the Commission was published in the November 9 issue of the *Montana Administrative Register*, and the State Library will distribute copies of the Rule to all Montana Libraries. (See related story.)

The Commission also took action in relation to HB193 and its base support for Federations by approving the Revised Plans of Service from the Federations as presented by Sheila Cates, Coordinator of Library Development. The Revised Plans of Service addressed the Federations' plans for use of the revenue ($1000 per public library) resulting from the passage and signing of HB193.

After discussing the charges to the two statewide committees, Technology and Collection Management, their accomplishments, plans and costs associated with meetings, the Commission approved a motion to continue the committees for one year and to evaluate them at the end of that year.

Appointments to the Montana Library Services Advisory Council were made by the Commission. Dave Stephens, Bozeman, was appointed to represent library users in the Broad Valleys Federation, and Al Randell, Libby, was appointed to represent school libraries.

The next meeting of the Commission will be at the State Library in Helena, Wednesday, December 13th.



On-line Business Information System

The Montana State Department of Commerce's Small Business Development Center has available an on-line business information service accessible to anyone with a personal computer and modem. The information available on Business Information System (BIS) includes: the Montana Manufacturers Directory, the 1989 Guide to Economic Development Programs, the statewide Business Training Calendar, business resource lists, population and demographic information, community profiles, business bibliographies, bid solicitations from federal, state, and international agencies, press releases, and electronic mail.

The BIS is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by dialing 406-444-4457. Libraries are encouraged to use this resource and make their patrons aware of it as well. Questions about BIS can be directed to Dave Elenbaas, Small Business Development Center, 444-2463.

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John Cole, Director of the Library of Congress Center for the Book, will be in Montana Dec. 12 to meet with the committee and assist it in planning. The Center for the Book now has state affiliates in 19 states. Montana will apply for state affiliate status.

The state's library community is invited to attend a reception for John Cole on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7-9 p.m., at the Lewis & Clark Library, Helena. An RSVP is requested by Dec. 5 to Mary Jane West, Montana State Library, 444-3115.

New Wyoming State Librarian

The Chairman of Wyoming's State Library Board has announced the appointment of former Great Falls resident Suzanne LeBarron as the new Wyoming State Librarian.

LeBarron currently is the Deputy State Librarian in Connecticut and has had experience in several states, including working for the Great Falls Public Library and the College of Great Falls Library. She will begin working in Cheyenne January 2, 1990.

December Calendar of Events

6-7 Geographic Information Systems conference, Billings

9 MPLA board meeting, Denver

12 Reception for John Cole, Director of the Library of Congress' Center for the Book, Helena

12 Federation coordinators' meeting, Helena

13 Commission meeting, Helena

25 Christmas holiday

Around The State

Academic Library Changes: Tom Proctor, Fort Belknap Community College, Harlem. Michael Schulz, Western Montana College, Dillon. Izella Warner, Stone Child Community College, Box Elder.

ALA Scholarship

Applications are due Dec. 18 for the 1990 American Library Association's David H. Clift Scholarship and the Louise Giles Minority Scholarship for individuals who will be attending an ALA-accredited master's program in library/information science. Applicants for the $3,000 scholarships must not have completed more than 12 semester hours toward a master's degree in library science prior to June 2, 1990, and must demonstrate academic excellence, leadership and evidence of a commitment to a career in librarianship. Contact ALA's Office for Library Personnel Resources, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL, 60611; 312/944-6780.

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